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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Alford W. Kindred

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 March 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 8-18 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,7 and 19-21 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2-6 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is responsive to Reconsideration filed on 03/30/05.

This action is made final.

Claim Objections

2. Claim 1 is objected to because of the following informalities: Claim 1 contains the phrase "target directory with cache file . . .", when it should be "target directory with a cache file . . .". Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

4. Claims 1, 7, and 19-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by US# 6,842,770 B1.

As per claims 1, 7, and 19-21, **Serlet et al.** teaches "generating a user interface having means for receiving a specified application name, at least one specified search directory, at least one specified target director, and at least one specified file descriptor" (see col. 9, lines 63-67 and col. 10, lines 1-13) "automatically populating the specified

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target directory with each file, from the at least one specified search directory, matching the specified file descriptor, when the specified named application is started" (see col. col. 11, lines 2-45).

Allowable Subject Matter

5. --Claims 8-18 are allowed.

--Claims 2-6 and are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

--The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: the prior art of record fails to teach and/or suggest "program means for generating a user interface . . . receiving specified application name, at least one specified search directory, at least one specified target directory, and at least one specified file descriptor . . . automatically populating the specified target directory with each file . . . matching the specified descriptor, when the specified named application is started . . .", combined with "automatically moving each file, from the at least one specified search directory, matching the specified file descriptor . . . when the specified named application is started".

Response to Arguments

6. Applicant's arguments filed 3/30/05 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

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--As per applicant's arguments regarding "nowhere . . . any hint or suggestion of generating a user interface that would have means to receive an application name . . .", examiner disagrees and maintains that Serlet's SFS's access program, contains an interface element that allows for accessing the program in a manner similar to applicant's claim language and therefore the rejection is maintained.

--As per applicant's arguments regarding "Serlet does not provide even a hint of populating a specified target directory . . .", examiner maintains that Serlet's Network access program which creates a cache file when opening a remote file, is illustrative of applicant's claim language involving populating a specified target directory . . .".

Conclusion

7. THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

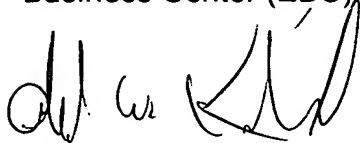
A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alford W. Kindred whose telephone number is 571-272-4037. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 9:00 am- 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Safet Metjahic can be reached on (571) 272-4023. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alford W. Kindred', is written over the printed name.

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